

\*All printed matter not applicable to the particular Court being held should be struck out and initialled by the President.

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**\*\*Form of Proceedings for ~~General~~ District Courts-Martial**

Proceedings of a District Court-Martial held at the Court Room, Camp Borden, Ontario, on the 6th day of September 1944, by order of Major-General F.F. Worthington, C.B., M.C., M.N., Commander, Camp Borden, dated the 2nd day of September, 1944.

President.

Major J.T.F. Aitken,  
A-10 C.I.T.C., C.A.

Members.

Capt. G.E. Nettleton,  
No. 3 C.A.C.T.R., C.A.

Capt. J.C. Godfrey,  
A-11 C.M.G.T.C., C.A.

Major G.W. Hall,  
A.J.A.G.,  
Headquarters, Camp Borden, CA, Judge Advocate.

Trial of\* No. B-11772 Private Vernon Arthur BEST, A-19 Canadian Army Service Corps Training Centre, C.A., Camp Borden, Ontario.

The order convening the Court, the charge-sheet and the summary of evidence are laid before the Court.  
Capt. H. St. Amour, A-19 C.A.S.C., is not available to serve owing to the exigencies of the service.  
T.C., C.A.--, waiting member takes his place as a member of the Court.

The Court satisfy themselves as provided by Rules of Procedure 22 and 23.\*

The accused is brought before the Court.

Prosecutor, Lt. E.W. Costello, No. 13 District Depot, att. Headquarters, Camp Borden, C.A.  
defending officer, Lieut. A.H. Cormier, A/19 C.A.S.C.T.C., S.

At 1015 hours the Trial commences.

The order convening the Court is read, and is marked signed by the President, and attached to the proceedings. X; A-19 GASCTC

CA, Unit Order No. 213 of 5 Sep 44 detailing Per. Offr. is marked "X-1".  
The names of the President and members of the Court are read over in the hearing of the accused, and they severally answer to their names.

Q1 Question by the President to the accused.  
Do you object to be tried by me as President, or by any of the officers whose names you have heard read over?

A; Answer by accused.  
No, sir.  
(N.B.—If objection is made it should be recorded, together with the decision of the Court, on a separate sheet.)

\* Here insert No., Rank, full Name, Unit, Attachment (if any), and Appointment (if any).

† Here state Rank and Name, Unit (if any), and Attachment (if any).

‡ Qualification to be stated.

(Strike out and initial when not applicable.)

\*I have satisfied myself that none of the officers detailed as members of this Court have previously served upon any Court of Inquiry respecting the matters forming the subject of the charge ~~xxxxxx~~ before the Court-Martial.

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J. Aitken, M.P. (M.C.)  
President, D.C.M.

H.Q.C. C. 55-B-664

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PTE. V.A. BEST. B-11772

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